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SUBJECT: GOS REACTION TO SA CARNEIRO'S VISIT

REF: A. CALDWELL/THOMAS TELECON B. LISBON 0442

1. THE PRESS REPORTING ON THE SA CARNEIRO VISIT IN SPAIN IS NO MORE THAN THAT REPORTED OUT OF THE PORTUGUESE PRESS BY AMEMBASSY LISBON, BUT WE QUERIED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, JORGE DEL PINO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EUROPEAN AND ATLANTIC AFFAIRS, ABOUT THE GOS ATTITUDE. DEL PINO SAID THAT THE GOS WAS BASICALLY A PASSIVE BYSTANDER TO THE AFFAIR. SA CARNEIRO IS A VOLATILE PERSON WHO TENDS TO MAKE OFF-THE-CUFF STATEMENTS, A PROBLEM COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT HE HAS PERSONAL FRIENDS IN SPAIN (MEANING THAT SA CARNEIRO HAD SEEN THE KING ON THE SAME VISIT IN WHICH HE WAS CRITICIZING MARIO SOARES.)

2. AT THE SAME TIME THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT REACTION HAD NOT BEEN AS SEVERE AS PORTRAYED IN BOTH THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE PRESS. IN POINT OF FACT SOARES' ADVISER, CUNHA REGO, HAD A FRIENDLY CONVERSATION WITH THE SPANISH CHARGE AND HAD MADE NO PROTEST, PRESS REPORTS NOTWITHSTANDING.

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3. THE GOS HAD BEEN BRIEFLY CONCERNED THAT THIS AFFAIR MIGHT LEAD TO A COOLING IN SPANISH-PORTUGUESE RELATIONS, BUT THE GOS WAS NOW REASSURED THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE THE CASE. MOREOVER, HE SAID THAT DEVELOPMENTS WOULD SHORTLY SHOW THAT SPANISH-PORTUGUESE RELATIONS WERE INDEED GOOD, HINTING, WE PRESUME, AT THE POSSIBILITY

THAT PRIME MINISTER SOARES WILL RETURN PRIME MINISTER
SUAREZ VISIT BEFORE TOO LONG.STABLER

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